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Re: Human Research Subject Protections Under Federalwide Assurance FWA-5897

Research Project: A Phase I Study of an Oral Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor, MS-275, in Refractory Solid Tumors and Lymphomas
NIH Project Number: 01-C-0124
Intramural Institute: National Cancer Institute (NCI)
Principal Investigator: Edward Sausville, M.D.

Research Project: A Phase I Study of an Oral Perifosine with Different Loading Schedules in Patients with Refractory Neoplasms
NIH Project Number: 99-C-0043
Intramural Institute: National Cancer Institute (NCI)
Principal Investigator: Edward Sausville, M.D.

Research Project: Amifostine as a Rectal Protector During Beam Radiotherapy for Prostate Cancer: A Phase II Study
NIH Project Number: 02-C-0215
Intramural Institute: National Cancer Institute (NCI)
Principal Investigator: C. Norman Coleman, M.D.

Research Project: A Phase II Study of MR-Guided High Dose Rate Brachytherapy Before and After External Beam Radiotherapy in Patients with Prostate Cancer
NIH Project Number: 02-C-0207
Intramural Institute: National Cancer Institute (NCI)
Principal Investigator: Kevin A. Camphausen, M.D.

Research Project: A Pilot Study of Pirfenidone for the Treatment of Radiation-Induced Fibrosis
NIH Project Number: 01-C-0143
Intramural Institute: National Cancer Institute (NCI)
Principal Investigator: Rosemary Altemus, M.D.

Research Project: Genetic Characterization of Movement Disorders
NIH Project Number: 2003-081
Intramural Institute: National Institute on Aging (NIA)
Principal Investigator: John Hardy, Ph.D.

Dear Dr. Gottesman:

The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) has reviewed the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) May 14, 2004 and April 11, 2005 reports evaluating allegations of noncompliance with Department of Health and Human Services regulations for the protection of human research subjects (45 CFR part 46) involving the above-referenced research.

Based upon its review, OHRP finds that the corrective action summarized below adequately addresses the determinations and requests set forth in OHRP's March 30, 2005 letter to NIH.

Corrective Action: NIA instituted protocol tracking procedures for all new subjects, which include a requisite screening/eligibility checklist for every subject; a central protocol registry in the NIA protocol office; and the use of data entry forms. The screening/eligibility checklist is completed by the investigator evaluating each study subject. Protocol inclusion/exclusion criteria are assessed, any reasons for exclusion from the study are noted, and the outcome (i.e., inclusion or exclusion) is noted. The investigator must sign and date the checklist.

As a result, there should be no need for further OHRP involvement in this matter. OHRP appreciates NIH's continued commitment to the protection of human research subjects.

Sincerely,

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